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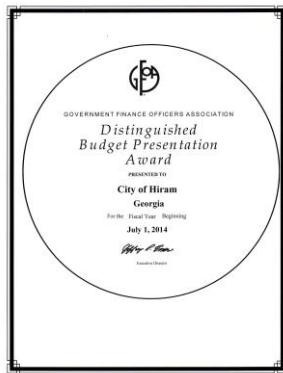
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Hiram Bestowed with Significant Honor on its Financial Reporting

Hiram, Georgia – October 23rd, 2014 – The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) is pleased to announce that the **City of Hiram** has received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget.

The award represents a significant achievement by Hiram. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, Hiram had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation.

These guidelines are designed to assess how well Hiram's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications device. Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

When a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is granted to an entity, a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation is also presented to the individual designated as being primarily responsible for its having achieved the award. "While I am specifically named as the award recipient and drafted the budget document for presentation, the formulation of the budget is a team effort by the Hiram City Council, superb department directors, and city staff," commented Robbie Rokovitz, city manager. "This critical fiscal tool that we use to manage operations takes a great deal of analysis, discussion and collaboration to ensure that we demonstrate how important our roles are to be exemplary stewards of public monies," continued Rokovitz.

Award recipients such as Hiram have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments through North America.

The Government Finance Officers Association is a major professional association servicing the needs of more than 18,000 appointed and elected local, state, and provincial-level government officials and other finance practitioners. It provides top quality publications, training programs, services, and products designed to enhance the skills and performance of those responsible for government finance policy and management. The association is headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, with offices in Washington, D.C. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.

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